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EXAMINER: None

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

INVENTOR(S): Vincent et al. (assignors to Hewlett-Packard)

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SUBJECT: Hard Copy System Including Rewritable Media

15 PETITION

REPLY TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

TO: THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

20 This paper is filed in reply to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, issued on 01/23/02 with respect to the above-referenced application. No new matter is added to the application by the amendments made hereinafter. Applicant(s) hereby request reconsideration based on the following.

PETITION

25 Applicants hereby request that the enclosed page 5 of the Specification be inserted appropriately.

Applicants also request that the original filing date, 10/30/2001 of the application be granted. First, applicants omission of page 5 was unintentional.

Second, said page 5 contains only material which is redundant, no new matter is added. Specifically, this page is from the Summary section. Page 5 line 1 is a meaningless partial sentence. Page 5 para. [0010] is nearly verbatim to Claim 15 (only claim "formal language" words are changed); para. [0011] is nearly verbatim to Claim 23; and, partial para. [0012] is
5 only legal boilerplate.

Third, the missing page was not reported to Applicants by the IPED until almost three months post original receipt; the initial filing was accepted as is without question or notification to Applicants. Applicants may be severely and inequitably punished if not afforded the original filing date, particularly since the omitted page has no matter not disclosed elsewhere in the
10 originally received application.

Fourth, as no new matter is contained in the omitted page 5 filed herewith, denial of the original filing date for the application would be a clear imposition of the form of rules and regulations over substance and intent of same.

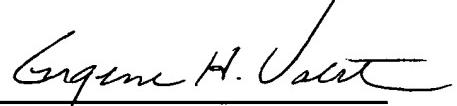
A Supplemental Oath is filed herewith in order to meet the formal requirements. However, as
15 no new matter is included on page 5, the matter should be rendered moot and the Supplemental Oath considered null and void.

Whereby, applicants hereby petition for the acceptance of page 5 filed herewith and the granting of the filing date of October 30, 2001, for the entire application.

Date: FEB. 13, 2002

20 Respectfully submitted,
Hewlett-Packard Company

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